

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A cordless telephone handset comprising:

telephone circuitry having a front side, the front side of the telephone circuitry having a top end and a bottom end; and

a housing having a top shell and a bottom shell, the top shell and the bottom shell being disconnectable;

wherein the housing is adapted to substantially enclose the telephone circuitry when the top shell and the bottom shell are mated in a direction from the top end to the bottom end.

2. The cordless telephone handset of claim 1 further comprising a user interface, the user interface usable by a cordless telephone user on the front side of the telephone circuitry.

3. The cordless telephone handset of claim 2 wherein the user interface comprises a display, the display viewable by the cordless telephone user through the housing.

4. The cordless telephone handset of claim 2 wherein the user interface comprises a touch pad, the touch pad interfaced to by the cordless telephone user through the housing.

5. The cordless telephone handset of claim 1 further comprising a seal between the top shell and the bottom shell, the seal being adapted to isolate the telephone circuitry within the housing from water outside the housing.

6. The cordless telephone handset of claim 1 wherein the housing is adapted to be interchangeable with a second changeable housing that is changeable by a cordless telephone user.

7. The cordless telephone handset of claim 6 wherein the second changeable housing has a different predetermined characteristic than the housing.

8. The cordless telephone handset of claim 1 wherein the housing is adapted to be interchangeable with a second changeable housing that is changeable by a cordless telephone user without the use of a tool.

9. The cordless telephone handset of claim 1 further comprising at least one fastener, wherein the fastener is adapted to couple the top shell to the bottom shell.

10. The cordless telephone handset of claim 9 wherein the fastener comprises a latch.

11. The cordless telephone handset of claim 9 wherein the fastener comprises a rotatable key.

12. A waterproof cordless telephone handset comprising:

a housing having a first shell and a second shell, the first shell and the second shell being disconnectable by a cordless telephone user;

a seal between the first shell and the second shell, the seal being adapted to isolate telephone circuitry within the housing from water outside the housing;

wherein the housing is adapted to be interchangeable with a second changeable housing that is changeable by the cordless telephone user.

13. The cordless telephone handset of claim 12 further comprising a user interface having a display, the display viewable by the cordless telephone user through the housing.

14. The cordless telephone handset of claim 12 wherein the second changeable housing has a different predetermined characteristic than the housing.

15. The cordless telephone handset of claim 12 wherein the housing and the second changeable housing can be changeable by the cordless telephone user without the use of a tool.

16. The cordless telephone handset of claim 12 further comprising at least one fastener, wherein the fastener is adapted to couple the first shell to the second shell.

17. The cordless telephone handset of claim 16 wherein the fastener comprises a latch.

18. The cordless telephone handset of claim 16 wherein the fastener comprises a rotatable key.

19. A method of assembling a cordless telephone handset comprising the steps of:

providing telephone circuitry having a front side, the front side having a top end and a bottom end;

providing a housing having a top shell and a bottom shell, the top shell and the bottom shell being disconnectable;

mating the top shell and the bottom shell around the telephone circuitry in a direction from the top end to the bottom end of the telephone circuitry.

20. The method of assembling a cordless telephone handset according to claim 19 further comprising the step of connecting the top shell to the bottom shell with a fastener.